CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1. A retaining device for an item of apparel comprising a flexible band having an engagement means for selectively engaging an item of apparel, said flexible band being conformable around an extremity of a user.
- 2. The device of claim 1, wherein said flexible band being formed in a generally round shape and having an interior surface abutting the item of apparel, said flexible band having an exterior surface opposite said interior surface.
- 3. The device of claim 2, wherein said exterior surface includes a indicia.
- 4. The device of claim 2, wherein said flexible band further comprises a pocket positioned on said interior surface, said pocket selectively retaining a user accessory, said pocket being visually obscured from said exterior surface.
- 5. The device of claim 2, further comprising at least one illumination member operationally coupled to said flexible band.
- 6. The device of claim 1, wherein said engagement means further comprises a fastening member selected from the group of fastening members consisting of a clip, snap, hook and loop fastener, teeth, clasp and velvet.

- 7. The device of claim 1, wherein said engagement means is mechanical compression of said flexible band.
- 8. The device of claim 1, wherein said flexible band is shaped in an organic form.
- 9. The device of claim 8, wherein said organic form is selected from the group of organic forms consisting of a snake, a feather, and a leaf.
 - 10. The device of claim 1, further comprising:

said flexible band being formed in a generally round shape and having an interior surface abutting the item of apparel, said flexible band having an exterior surface opposite said interior, said exterior surface includes a indicia;

said flexible band further comprises a pocket positioned on said interior surface, said pocket selectively retaining a user accessory, said pocket being visually obscured from said exterior surface:

at least one illumination member operationally coupled to said flexible band;

wherein said engagement means further comprises a fastening member selected from the group of fastening members consisting of a clip, snap, hook and loop fastener, teeth, clasp and velvet; and

wherein said flexible band is shaped organic form is selected from the group of organic forms consisting of a snake, a feather, and a leaf. 11. A method of providing ornamentation to an article of apparel comprising:

providing a flexible band having an engagement means for selectively engaging an item of apparel, said flexible band being conformable around an extremity of a user; and

coupling said flexible band to said article of apparel.

- 12. The method of claim 11, wherein said flexible band being formed in a generally round shape and having an interior surface abutting the item of apparel, said flexible band having an exterior surface opposite said interior, said exterior surface includes a indicia, said flexible band further comprises a pocket positioned on said interior surface, said pocket selectively retaining a user accessory, said pocket being visually obscured from said exterior surface.
- 13. The method of claim 11, wherein engagement means further comprises a fastening member selected from the group of fastening members consisting of a clip, snap, hook and loop fastener, teeth, clasp and velvet.
 - 14. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

positioning a portion of the article of apparel on a desired portion of the extremity of the user; and

retaining the article of apparel in the desired position with said engagement means.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein said portion of the article of apparel is a pant cuff.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein said portion of the article of apparel is a sleeve cuff.